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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO COMMENTS ON OAS

HEADQUARTERS SITE AND RESTRICTIONS FOR  
NICARAGUANS AND PANAMANIAN

1. IN HIS WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 27, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, DISCUSSED THE SUITABILITY OF COSTA RICA TO BE THE NEW SEAT OF THE OAS IF IT IS DECIDED TO MOVE THE HEADQUARTERS FROM WASHINGTON. FACIO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT SAN JOSE WAS IDEAL FOR MANY REASONS AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST ON THE MATTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AFTER CONSULTING WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN OTHER LATIN COUNTRIES). THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE FACIO DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR AND USOAS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHITE ON DECEMBER 5, 1975.

2. FACIO ALSO ANNOUNCED A NEW POLICY OF VISAS FOR PANAMANIAN AND NICARAGUANS WISHING TO COME TO COSTA RICA. THOSE PANAMANIAN AND NICARAGUANS WHO  
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ARE ARRIVING FROM THIRD COUNTRY MUST REQUEST A

VISA AHEAD OF TIME FROM A COSTA RICAN CONSUL AND  
THEY MUST BE CHECKED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY BEFORE BEING  
GRANTED THE VISA. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED TO  
EMBOFF THAT THIS SYSTEM, TO PREVENT PANAMANIAN AND  
NICARAGUANS FROM USING COSTA RICAN SOIL IN PLANNING  
ATTACKS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICAN  
NEIGHBORS, WAS DECIDED UPON AFTER CLOSE CONSULTATIONS  
WITH THE GON AND THE GOP AND IS ALREADY IN EFFECT.  
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